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NOTE TO: Office Directors
Staff Chiefs

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: My Memorandum on Restriction of Dissemination

There has been some concern expressed over the implementation of the guidance provided in my memorandum to policy consumers of NIC and CIA finished intelligence. I hope the following points will help clarify any confusion:

- The memorandum I am sending out essentially pertains only to finished intelligence [redacted]

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[redacted] That is essentially a common sense judgment call on the part of the Office Director.

- I have not imposed numerical restrictions on the number of copies being disseminated to the Intelligence Community. [redacted]

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- The product review sheet that comes to the ADDI and me on DI papers should reflect whether or not the paper is to receive a restricted dissemination. If you know in advance that a restricted paper will require greater dissemination than 25 copies, so indicate, including the number of copies that ultimately will be needed.


- Requests from policy agencies for copies of restricted channel material that go beyond the original approved dissemination will need to be approved by the ADDI or me.

- Information relating to specially numbered paper for tightly controlled typescript memoranda should be directed to [redacted] in CPAS.


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-- Above all, common sense and good judgment should apply in these matters. I think it unwise to lay down too many rules or restrictions that would inhibit our flexibility on this. 

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